

QUICK FACTS

- Polling places must be accessible for voters of all eligible ages and disabilities.
- If you have special needs, contact your county election office for available accommodations.
- Spanish voter registration applications are available at www.voteks.org or by contacting your county election office.

ELECTION DATES

IMPORTANT DATES FOR PRIMARY ELECTION

MONDAY, JUNE 30

Deadline to change party affiliation before primary

TUESDAY, JULY 15

Deadline to register to vote in primary

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1

Deadline to apply for an advance ballot to be mailed

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5

Primary Election

IMPORTANT DATES FOR GENERAL ELECTION

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14

Deadline to register to vote

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31

Deadline to apply for an advance ballot to be mailed

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

General Election

CONTACT INFORMATION

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County information may be found at
www.sos.ks.gov/elections/elections_registration_ceo.asp

Legal Sources: K.S.A. 25-2710, 25-1341, 25-2909, 42 U.S.C.A. § 1973aa-1a.
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A GUIDE TO VOTING ACCESSIBILITY



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ACCESSIBILITY

State law requires that the election process be accessible to all voters. Accessibility may be viewed from three perspectives: language, polling place and ballot.

LANGUAGE ACCESSIBILITY:

If more than 5 percent of a county's voting-age citizens include members of a single-language minority group who do not speak or understand English adequately to participate in the electoral process, then alternative language assistance in the form of printed materials and oral language assistance is required. Community outreach and public relations programs are required to notify the public of the assistance available and to identify translators and poll workers.

Printed materials include ballots, voter instructions, voter registration application forms, ballot application forms, voter's rights and responsibilities posters, voter outreach materials, newspaper publications, candidate filing forms, petitions, confirmation notices and notices of disposition.

Oral language assistance includes interpreters at polling places, interpreters in the election office to process voter registration applications and other materials, and language assistance at voter registration agencies.

Currently, four counties in Kansas are required to offer alternative language assistance:

**Finney
Ford
Grant
Seward**

It is optional in other counties.

POLLING PLACE ACCESSIBILITY:

Polling places are required to be accessible to all voters. The federal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) checklist is used to determine if polling places are accessible. The checklist provides guidelines for evaluating the physical accessibility of polling places including getting to the polling place, entering the polling place and using the voting area.

K.S.A. 25-2710 establishes standards of accessibility, and, because polling places are public accommodations, they must meet the requirements of the ADA. This includes ramps and handrails, voting booths at wheelchair height and doorways wide enough for wheelchairs.

BALLOT ACCESSIBILITY:

Each polling place provides at least one fully accessible, HAVA-compliant voting machine to allow voters with disabilities to vote independently and secretly.

Once the system has been selected by the county, the county election officer must train election board workers on the use of the equipment. It is important to note that a voter with a disability may request assistance with the voter's ballot from whomever they wish.

If you feel your voting rights have been violated, refer to www.voteks.org or contact **800-262-8683** for more information regarding the complaint procedure.

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